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A separate peace

Students writing their own history of separatism

By HEIDI KEIBLER
Staff editor

On Aug. 28, 1963, 200,000 people gathered in Washington to hear Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream that one day black and white children would sit together in harmony and peace.

Thirty-one years later, visible racial lines continue to divide the very classrooms, dining halls and living quarters King dreamed about. Although the barricades causing these divisions are no longer lawfully enforced, they remain in the thoughts and the actions of many Eastern students.

"In food service, all the black people sit together because we feel we have to stick together in a sense," said senior marketing major Kim Purham, who is black. "That's part of being a minority on this campus."

"If I go to food service, and no one I know is there, black or white, I will sit with a black person I don't know before I will sit with a white person I don't know," she added. "It's simply that connection we feel."

Angela Grimes, president of the Black Student Union, said it "just comes naturally" to sit with people of your own race.

"If you're black and you walk into a cafeteria, you're going to go to the black table first," she said. "You might go

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The opportunity for open discourse is low, and the sight of white students and black students sitting together is rare. Students will usually sit together according to race in classrooms and in the food services.

A time for discussion, action

Today, The Daily Eastern News begins its most ambitious series in recent memory.

The series, "A Separate Peace," came together after a group of staff members read several similar series on race relations done by professional newspapers in New Orleans and Richmond, Va.

Daily Eastern News editors reflected on the state of black-white relations at Eastern. Many of us thought we'd find the same problems and issues here.

What we discovered in this 12-part series reflects a reality that also is prevalent in the general population. Diversity, as a concept, is easy to speak of but difficult to grasp or apply.



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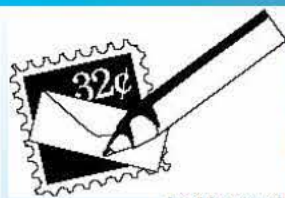
To the reader

Many of our problems with race aren't tangible, but instead stem from social hangups that have endured for centuries.

This series speaks to our biggest faults in what many have called the single most important issue facing the United States. It analyzes our hidden prejudices and our subtle disdain for those who are different. Some of the issues addressed deal with things we hold most sacred.

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SPEAK UP



The Daily Eastern News encourages readers to share their thoughts on race relations. Letters and guest columns should be sent to "A Separate Peace," c/o The Daily Eastern News, Buzzard Building, Charleston, IL 61920. E-mail messages can be sent to cucms@uxa.ecn.bgu.edu. News will print the letters throughout the month.

Letters should be less than 350 words. For the letter to be printed, the name of the author and the author's address and telephone number must be included. Only the author's name will be run.

Anonymous letters will not be printed.

WHAT'S NEXT

CONSPIRACY OF SILENCE

White students rarely want to talk about race relations and professors often don't know how to deal with black students in class. These realities help add to an already tense situation on campus.

Friday

Ike's to open again

By TRAVIS SPENCER
City editor

Ike's Little Campus, which closed its doors in December, will re-open under new ownership within the next 10 days.

Four area residents signed a lease Tuesday, forming a corporation to own Ike's in University Village, said Ira Barrett, owner of the University Village complex.

"A group of local investors signed a lease with University Village, applied for a liquor license and went to the (Coles County) Health Department with hopes of opening Ike's as soon as possible," Barrett said.

Ike's closed in December after the building rent was hiked and the bar entry age was changed, former co-owner William Ackerman said in January.

Mark Stoltz of Charleston, Michael Rye of Charleston, Steve Poffinbarger of Mattoon, and Barrett are now the co-owners of the establishment.

Barrett said the four have discussed the idea of purchasing the bar for the past two weeks, making a final decision during the weekend. He said

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Cancer claims faculty member

By BRIAN HUCHEL
Campus editor

Mary Weber, a member of Eastern's physical education department for 25 years, died of cancer Tuesday. She was 64.

Miss Weber, a tenured associate professor, came to Eastern in 1970. She taught elementary physical education and served as a consultant on elementary physical education programs.

"Mary was a very kind and understanding individual who always took great pride in her students," said Phoebe Church, chairwoman of the physical education department in a press release. "We will miss

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Student Senate to vote on new secretary

The Student Senate will vote tonight whether to approve Dave Greenstein as senate secretary.

The senate will meet at 7 p.m. in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Greenstein, a junior history major, is the chairman of the senate's Appropriations and Judiciary Committee and a member of the sen-

ate's Committee on University Planning and Budgeting.

As secretary, he would be responsible for serving on all senate committees, recording and maintaining minutes and attendance records for meetings and assisting the senate with general office work.

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Ike's

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they went to city officials Tuesday with permit requests.

The Coles County Health Department will make an initial inspection today, write a report and then inform the management of what changes need to be made before Ike's can re-open.

"It needs to be cleaned up to comply with all necessary codes," Barrett said.

The owners also applied for a Class C liquor license, which allows a tavern to offer a full-service bar.

According to Barrett, City Liquor Commissioner Dan Cougill said a liquor license could be issued as soon as Friday. Cougill, who is also Charleston's mayor, declined to comment on the license application.

Barrett said the tavern will experience minor changes under new management, such as a full-service bar that serves all types of liquor,

beer and wine.

Jeff Willis, Ike's manager, said he hopes to open the doors this weekend or next.

"We're pushing for the end of the weekend," Willis said. "The soonest will be this Friday and hopefully the latest will be next Friday."

Willis said he believes some of the bar's regular patrons are anxious for the bar to re-open.

"The word's out around some of the students and everyone is really happy," Willis said. "In the last few weeks, friends split up and went to different bars and it was an awkward situation, but now they can come back to Ike's."

Barrett said the bar will undergo "major remodeling" in the kitchen, washrooms and basement during the summer. The bar will, however, maintain its basic atmosphere under the new management.

"There is a link to the past because there are greek members, both female and male, that have a vision toward keeping the bar open for a long time," Barrett said.

Weber

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her quiet strength."

Weber, who had suffered from a brain tumor and breast and liver cancer, continued to work until her condition began to worsen during Christmas break. Bruce Weber, her brother, continued to care for her at her home.

In addition to her brother, Weber is survived by her mother, Florence Pullen Weber.

Besides her teaching duties, Weber was involved in several university committees, including the Textbook Rental Advisory Committee,

United Professionals of Illinois and selected search committees.

She also was a member of several national physical education associations.

Weber was a graduate of the University of California at Los Angeles in 1957, receiving her master's degree in physical education. She earned her bachelor's of science degree at Central Michigan University with a minor in health education and speech.

Bob Hussey, a retired physical education professor at Eastern, said Weber respected and cared for her students.

"Mary was always con-

cerned about her students and would go out of her way to help each and every one of them," Hussey said in a press release. "She was a very well-liked faculty member."

In addition to teaching at Eastern, Weber taught at Oregon State and Eastern Montana colleges. She had worked in the Michigan public schools.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Charleston with rosary at 7 p.m. The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, also in Borromeo. Burial will be in Michigan.

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Senate will draft reaction to bill

By DAVE HOSICK
Administration editor

The Faculty Senate decided Tuesday to draft a document to send to other Board of Governors universities that explains the senate's concerns with a bill calling for the board's elimination.

The senate originally had planned to conduct a teleconference with the senate from Western Illinois University, but technical difficulties canceled it.

Rep. Mike Weaver, R-Ashmore, has filed a bill in the state Legislature that calls for the replacement of the BOG and Board of Regents with individual governing boards for seven of the eight universities under the two systems.

The BOG is the governing board for Eastern, Western Illinois, Northeastern Illinois, Chicago State and Governors State universities.

Several senate members expressed concern that a local board would contribute to micromanagement of the university, acting similar to a school board at a public high school.

Senate member Bill Weber said if a new board were created, faculty members theoretically would have to begin new salary and tenure negotiations.

"A local board would have

to support and appreciate the concept of tenure, academic departments and the idea of liberal arts and sciences," Weber said. "Nothing is guaranteed with this board. Everything is open to negotiations."

Selection of board members was another concern.

The bill proposes that the board be composed of seven voting members and one faculty member and one student, both non-voting positions.

"I think we can all agree that, if we had a local board, we would want someone with some kind of degree from somewhere," senate member Jane Lasky said. "Whoever it is, we don't know that the board won't try to manage and conduct programs."

Senate member French Fraker said he is concerned about the distribution of authority.

"The trend with this bill is to put power in the hands of the (local) board that was never with the BOG," Fraker said. "We are giving up control of our destinies in a lot of areas."

Senate member Bill Kirk said he was concerned with an item in Weaver's bill that allows for some faculty members to set their own hours and work on sort of a part-time basis.

Retiring vice president finalist at other school

By DAVE HOSICK
Administration editor

Barbara Hill, vice president for academic affairs, said Tuesday that she is one of 10 finalists for the president's post at Arkansas State University at Jonesboro.

Hill, who holds the No. 2 administrative position at Eastern, announced plans last fall to retire in May.

A total of 73 candidates applied for the Arkansas position, said Tisha Gilbert, editor of The Herald, Arkansas State's campus newspaper.

Arkansas State-Jonesboro is a campus of about 9,000 students. The school is known for its programs in education, communications and nursing. Jonesboro is roughly an hour-and-20-minute drive from Memphis, Tenn., with about

25,000-30,000 residents.

Hill, who has worked at Eastern for 26 years, declined to comment further on her future plans but said she also is interested in areas other than higher education.

Hill is retiring from the State University Retirement System and the university after May 31, she said. The SRS allows for employees of state universities to retire after 35 years or after reaching the age of 55.

Hill recently turned 58.

"We (she and her husband, Bill) hope to explore different avenues of interest," Hill said. "Neither of us is interested in 'retiring' per se, but we just want to examine different opportunities of interest."

"We will be diverting our energy and skills in different areas," she added.

Areas such as distance

learning, interactive processes and new technology are items Hill said she and her husband are interested in exploring. Hill's husband retired last year as superintendent of Charleston schools.

President David Jorns said Hill will be missed.

"Dr. Hill has reached a place in her life where it is no longer financially or professionally advantageous for her to remain at Eastern," Jorns said. "We really hate to lose her. She is a wonderful asset to the university."

"I hate to see her go because she is an extremely able and overall wonderful person," Jorns added.

Hill said the condition of the university has no bearing on her decision to leave. She said Eastern's future is looking brighter than it has in a long time.

Workers to speak on rights

By JENNIFER FRIEDEWALD
Staff writer

Employees from an agricultural manufacturing company in Decatur who have been locked out for more than a year will speak at a presentation on the lockout and workers' rights Thursday.

"Struggle in the Heartland," sponsored by Eastern's Haiti Connection and the Newman Catholic Center, will be presented at 7 p.m. in Lumpkin Hall Room 21.

Nearly 19 months ago, employees at A.E. Staley Co., a company owned by Tate & Lyle

Plc. of England, were locked out because they didn't agree with new safety standards implemented at the plant, Roy Lanham, adviser to the Haiti Connection, said.

When Staley made changes in safety standards and stretched shifts from 8 to 12 hours, members of the United Paperworkers Local 7837 thought their safety was being jeopardized for the sake of higher profits. The Union ordered a worker slow-down after talks with the company broke down.

In June 1993, Staley locked union members out and hired about 400 replacement workers.

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1995

Tuition waivers straining public universities

For almost a century, tuition waivers have been offered to college students in Illinois from members of the General Assembly.

Each member of the General Assembly offers two four-year tuition waivers to students deemed as financially deprived.

Editorial

The distribution of these waivers, however, has gotten out of control. In Illinois, \$4.5 million a year is tied up in these waivers. And at Eastern, more than \$225,000 was lost in tuition income because of the waivers.

Despite the obvious problem, only one legislator has addressed it.

State Sen. Harry "Babe" Woodyard, R-Chrisman is making a third attempt to eliminate General Assembly scholarships even though he will face tremendous criticism for it.

Under the bill, Illinois lawmakers would no longer offer tuition waivers in the form of General Assembly scholarships to students attending public universities in Illinois.

Woodyard believes there is simply too much money tied up in the General Assembly scholarships.

State Rep. Mike Weaver, R-Ashmore, disagrees with Woodyard's bill, saying it would eliminate waivers which are some students' only way of attending a university.


"We bend over backwards to reach students who fall through the cracks," Weaver said. "We try to help people with financial difficulties and tough family situations. I have my doubts if the bill passes."

What Weaver must realize is hundreds of tuition waivers go to children whose parents have political connections. If the waivers are not used constructively, they are nothing but a strain on higher education.

It is likely this bill will never become a reality because it faces not only Democratic scrutiny, but Republican as well.

However, this problem needs to be recognized because it is draining funding which could be used to stop tuition hikes.

Hopefully Woodyard's bill will open some lawmaker's eyes and close the door on yearly tuition increases.



For all we take we must pay, but the price is cruel high.

Rudyard Kipling

Face of AIDS not just a stereotypical image

Beatrice Kerr is an attractive woman. She stands about 5 feet, 6 inches tall, with dark hair and darker eyes.

She's dressed well and speaks with a strong, clear voice. Her outward appearance doesn't give the first hint that she's terminally ill.

Kerr has been HIV positive since 1987. She's close to developing full-blown AIDS.

I never had seen an AIDS patient in person before last Tuesday night, when Kerr's speech kicked off AIDS Awareness Week. The disease, until then, was just a news item and a threat to be aware of. Now it has a human side, a victim, a voice.

So this is the face of AIDS. This is what AIDS looks like. Not just a microscopic virus or a brochure of medical facts, but people. Good people who get sick. Honest people you meet every day. It's time we face that truth and end the cruel stigma that has accompanied this epidemic.

In the 14 years since a handful of gay men with pneumonia exploded into more than a million people with AIDS, the disease has brought out the worst in Americans. The clinical warnings about lifestyle have become twisted to include such things as "innocent" and "guilty" victims and those who "just should have known better."

This distinction between victims is akin to grieving for the professional athlete who has a stroke on the field but telling the family of a smoker who died of cancer, "Well, if he had listened to the experts..."

Kerr, a counselor for an AIDS clinic in Washington, D.C., learned she had HIV when she was 19, during her first year of college. She contracted the disease from her high school boyfriend, who died within a year.

Kerr's parents were among those who exhibited this blindness and insensitivity. They told their daughter, prior to her diagnosis, that God would punish her for having premarital sex by striking her down with AIDS. Two years passed before she could muster the courage to tell them she was sick. She still doesn't have their support.

In the same category of ignorance are the persistent myths that gay men deserve the disease and people who use intravenous drugs are better off dead.



Chris Sundheim

"It's time we face that truth and end the cruel stigma that has accompanied this epidemic."

We agonize over lifestyles and sex, drugs and morality. Yet this disease that started among gays and drug abusers has long since expanded into every segment of society.

I don't want to hear any more about how condoms shouldn't be available in schools or advertised on television. I don't want to hear about the impropriety of making clean needles available to addicts or the immorality of

educating children about AIDS.

How do the self-righteous parents who condemn "queers" and "dope fiends" explain this one? Kerr, an intelligent, soft-spoken woman, born to a conservative, Catholic family, is diagnosed with the disease of "promiscuous homosexuals" and "junkies."

If AIDS Awareness Week accomplishes nothing else this year, it should offer up this personal side of AIDS. Kerr was just one example. Tonight two more AIDS patients, Jim Troester and Prudie Brungard, will discuss their stories in "My Life With AIDS" at 7 p.m. in Lawson Hall Lobby.

They are what AIDS looks like.

They will outline the standard clinical advice about how the disease is spread. Safe sex. Education. Prevention. All this is necessary.

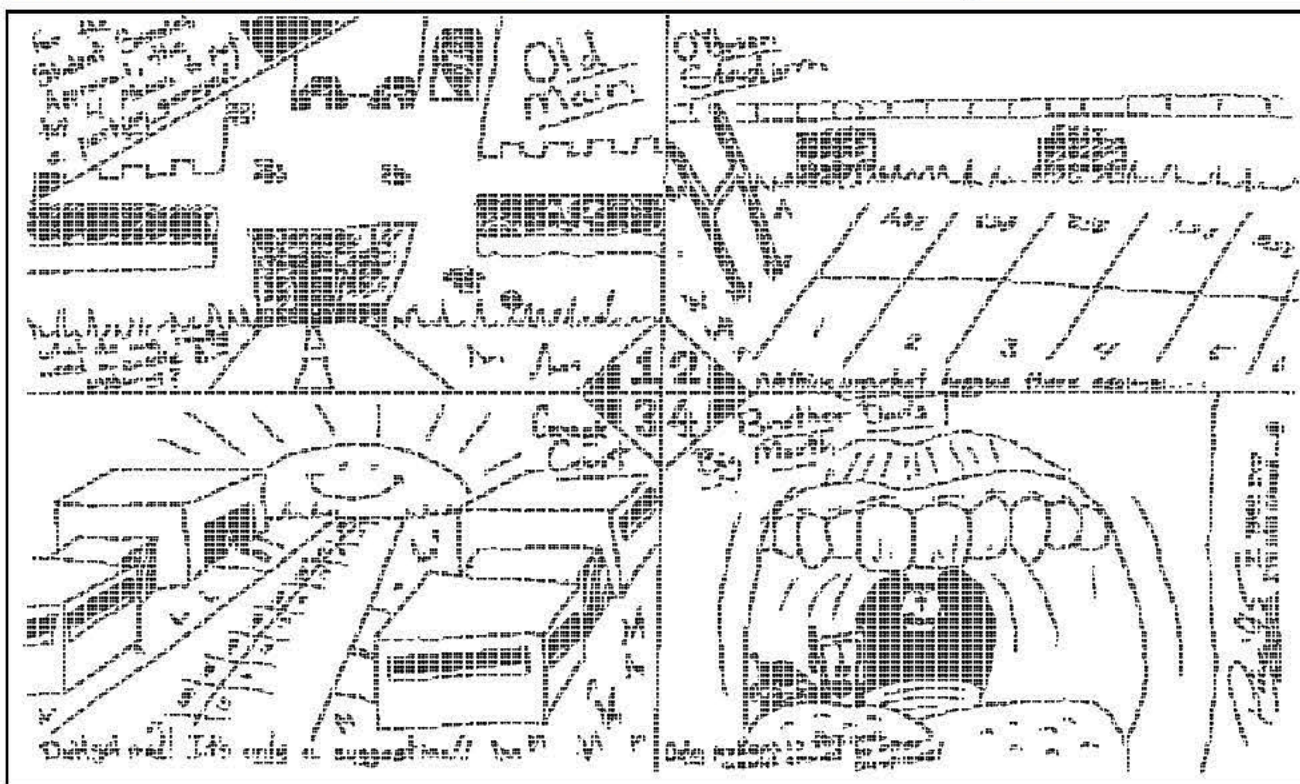
But these speakers who graciously discuss their illness bring an underlying message along with the personal accounts. They are saying: "Look, we're not monsters. We're not perverts. We're not heroin-starved bums."

Kerr, with her unassuming outlook and sincere ethic — this is the face of AIDS. A compassionate, professional woman who has been "smacked in the face with my own mortality."

"I know now that it's not how long you live your life, it's how you live," Kerr said, her voice quavering. "I've lived several lifetimes in these last seven years by the sheer intensity of my living."

Why can't we learn to deal with this national crisis with as much candor and humanity as countless AIDS patients bring to their personal ones?

— Chris Sundheim is associate news editor and a regular columnist for The Daily Eastern News.



Limbaugh backers beware: Preachings not always the truth

Dear editor:

Rush Limbaugh is a very useful asset for the wealthy corporate elite. He keeps people thinking about "Femi-Nazis," homosexuals, "soft-on-crime" liberals, welfare recipients and illegal immigrants while the corporations cut wages, lay off employees and transfer jobs to low-wage countries.

While the infrastructure crumbles, education gets worse and worse, pollution spreads and poverty and inequality grow, he panders to people's prejudices about other groups in society.

It is the old divide-and-conquer strategy used for centuries by the wealthy to keep poor and working people fighting among themselves instead of investigating the real

Your turn

causes for their distress that Limbaugh utilizes.

I know some of Limbaugh's supporters are upper middle class people living comfortably in the suburbs, who view themselves more as capitalists than workers — although most of them are professional and highly skilled workers.

Do they realize that it is not only the blue collar jobs disappearing or blue collar workers taking pay cuts? The Los Angeles Times reported on foreign computer programmers who were working for one-fifth or less of what American programmers were charging.

Because of their immigration status, some were being held as virtual slaves. Highly skilled professional, technical and scientific workers from foreign universities

are either coming to the United States or U.S. corporations are moving to take advantage of the cheap labor.

Will these Limbaugh supporters still be cheering on capitalism when their job disappears, their house is repossessed and they are standing in a soup line somewhere? How will they feel when their sons and daughters are asked to fight overseas for the interests of the big, multi-national corporations under the guise of patriotism and defending democracy.

In my opinion, the greatest stupidity in the universe is fighting against one's own best interests. Workers of all educations, races, cultures and incomes should stick together.

It is the only way to make a better world for future generations and save our planet from the wealthy chowder heads currently running it!

Gary Sudborough

AIDS expert: More youths are contracting the disease

By MELANIE McCLAIN
Staff writer

The fastest growing segment of AIDS patients is 14- to 23-year-old heterosexuals, a campus AIDS expert said Tuesday.

"Women are the fastest growing population in your age group (who are getting AIDS), and they are getting it from men," said Lynette Drake, director of the Office of Orientation/AIDS, Alcohol and Drug Information.

"Sex is causing death," Drake said. "Deciding to or not to have sex is really scary these days," she said. "The days of free sex and free love are over because we have a virus on the rise."

Drake used her lecture, part of AIDS Awareness Week, to explain misconceptions and safe sex techniques regarding HIV, AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases.

"People have sex and are not talking about it," she said. "One-fourth of people who have sex have an STD by age 21."

Although no one who attended the lecture said he or she knew an HIV or AIDS patient, Drake said in about two to three years, everyone will know or indirectly know someone who has the disease.

Drake was not optimistic that researchers will find a cure or a AIDS vaccine anytime soon.

"There's no cure (for AIDS), there's no vaccine, and it doesn't look like there's going to be one in the future," Drake said to an audience of about 10 in the Effingham Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Tuesday night.

Drake said abstinence is

Panelists to speak about sex and AIDS

By KAREN WOLDEN
Activities editor

Students will have the opportunity to listen to others and share their own attitudes about sex and AIDS in a panel discussion Thursday night.

"Students Attitudes About Sex and AIDS", sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta sorority, will be held at 8 p.m. in Taylor Hall Lobby.

The discussion will offer viewpoints from four panelists including a homosexual person, a person abstaining from sex for religious reasons, an unmarried sexually active heterosexual person and an HIV-positive Eastern faculty member.

"We're going to talk about how different communities see sex," said Kim Purham, Delta Sigma Theta member and coordinator of the panel. "I think it's really important that we address the stereotypes of the homosexual community."

Purham said it is also important to address stereotypes associated with people who choose to abstain from sex.

"If you are abstaining, it

doesn't mean you're not having fun," she said. "There is no right way or wrong way. Only a safe way."

Tonight's AIDS Awareness Week activities include the educational lecture "My Life With AIDS," by AIDS victims Jim Troester and Prudie Brungard. The two will speak about their experiences with the disease at 8 p.m. in Lawson Hall Lobby.

"Sexual Assault - As If It Wasn't Bad Enough: AIDS" will be presented by Bonnie Buckley, director of Sexual Assault Counseling and Informational Services, at 8 p.m. tonight in Lawson Hall Lobby. The lecture is sponsored by SACIS.

Scheduled for Thursday:

• "Campamento Esta Entrenosotro," a Spanish-language video designed to heighten AIDS awareness for grade-school children, will be shown at 7 p.m. in Lumpkin Hall Room 17.

• Faculty and students can compete in "Family Feud" at 8 p.m. in Andrews Hall Lobby.

• The film "Philadelphia" will be shown at 9 p.m. in Stevenson Hall Lobby.

the only way to prevent contracting HIV through sex.

"Until you are 100 percent sure that you and your partner are negative (for HIV), abstinence is the only way to protect yourself," she said.

Drake quizzed students on AIDS facts by asking them if a particular situation would

put a person at high risk, low risk or no risk for contracting the disease.

Most in the group were surprised to discover that blood transfusions and French kissing are no risk, while having anal sex puts an individual at the highest risk for contracting the virus.

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History took black stud

By CHRIS SEPER
Editor in chief

The addition of "Martin Luther King Jr." onto the University Union didn't come easily.

The president in 1970, Quincy Doudna, ignored student and faculty requests to name the Union after the slain civil-rights leader, saying Eastern buildings were traditionally named after individuals who had an impact on campus.

It took a movement by the Faculty Senate and a direct appeal to the Board of Governors in November 1971 to have King's name added to the Union.

But even after clearing that hurdle, social resistance against the name change persisted. Two signs bearing the name were stolen in 1972.

After the first theft, black students painted the new name of the Union on the sidewalk. But a third sign placed in concrete was consistently vandalized and splashed with yellow paint.

Even today, the Union sign has nicks and dents from vandals.

Eastern's history includes a series of racial conflicts and exchanges that have, at times, divided campus since the first black students started attending classes here in the 1920s. African Americans throughout the university's history have faced prejudice and racial conflict. Their reaction generally has been to unify and protest the injustice.

Some of the conflicts led to the events and organizations now considered institutions in the black community.

The following is a synopsis of some of the larger conflicts including reaction now from many of the people involved:

A group is born from defeat, debate

A movement to create a required black history course and a conflict over black students not standing for the national anthem caused an explosive debate in 1971-72 and led to the founding of the Black Student Union.

Black students had refused to stand for the national anthem and school song during basketball games in January 1972, saying they wanted the black national anthem — "Lift Every Voice and Sing" — played along with the two songs.

"The anthem that is played does not

relate in any way to the minority of blacks at this school or anywhere else," wrote students Gail Bowman and Yvette Jackson in the then twice-weekly Eastern News.

The action and subsequent letters to the editor ignited a firestorm in the letters section of the newspaper. Letter-writers assailed the black students who refused to stand as unpatriotic and un-American.

"Why should a national anthem relate to blacks here at this university or anywhere else," wrote an anonymous letter-writer. "A national anthem is for all the people of America."

Black students also faced harassment because of the protest. When they went to pick up financial aid, Bowman and Jackson found a copy of their letter to the editor attached to their checks. A financial aid worker told them it was placed there to remind them they were receiving taxpayers' money and shouldn't criticize the government.

The sit-down protests marked the second of two racial controversies. Students were also heavily involved in December 1971 in an attempt to have a black history course added to the required curriculum. After the Student Senate passed the resolution, the final debate took place in a history department meeting, which, in an unprecedented move, was opened to the public.

The entire room filled with students.

Some of the core disputes dealt with creating funding for a required course and discussion about the legitimacy of black history as an academic discipline. History Professor Stephen Horak said the move by the senate "would be an attempt at total brainwashing."

Then-history department Chairman Wolfgang Schlauch wanted to integrate black history "meaningfully within the

American history courses."

The proposal was defeated by a vote of 13-7.

"It was very fruitful discussion," said Schlauch, who is now a history professor and coordinates the school's study abroad program. "It was not only discussed in the department meeting but discussed among department members in the main office. The discussion continued. People like Stephen Horak, he would continue raising that discussion. ... I think even people did not want to discuss it or integrate (black history) in class. This discussion certainly helped promote the integration."

"Racism is still with us now more than ever," Schlauch said. "Ethnic cleansing in Bosnia, you have to address that question (of racism)."

Despite the mixed messages for the black community, the two debates helped create the BSU. It was officially recognized as a student organization on Jan. 21, 1972.

A racial atomic bomb

Eastern's administration apologized to the black community in 1977 after admitting university officials helped spread a rumor that black fraternities pledged had to rape a white woman to become active.

"I personally apologize to the entire university community that this situation exists," said then-President David Marvin. "I am damn sorry that this happened."

The report caused a mini-hysteria on campus, with residence hall counselors calling floor meetings, locking down entire residence halls and warning students to lock their doors and look out for unescorted males.

More than 200 black students gathered in the Library Quad to hear Marvin's announcement.

"This is not dynamite — it's an atomic bomb," said Jimmie Franklin, then professor in the history department about the mishandling of the situation.

Franklin said the situation was rela



Reader

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In all, the series takes historic myths and counters them with basic facts; it makes us look at where we've failed in diversity and confronts us with the contemporary issues that we have yet to address.

No newspaper series alone can do anything but use ink. Our hope, however, is this will be a springboard to a continuing dialogue on the issue of black-white relations.

We thought Black History Month was the perfect time to begin.

This project arguably is one of the largest The Daily Eastern News has undertaken in the past 10 years. More than 15 editorial staffers spent roughly a month writing, editing and producing the articles and photographs that will appear here in the coming weeks.

But the dedication of the staff will be reflected in the frankness of the work and the reaction from the university and Charleston community. We encourage your responses and hope you join us in beginning a dialogue on a topic that is long overdue for discussion.

— Chris Seper
Editor in chief

Separate

• From Page 1

to the white table afterward, but you're going to go to the black table first," she said. "You might go to the white table afterward, but you're going to go to the black table first. That's just how it is."

"You start with your own first," she said. "It wouldn't be right to scatter all over the place when there's not that many of us."

Familiarity breeds comfort

Students readily acknowledge the fact that dining halls, classrooms and even residence hall rooms are divided by color, but some say that comfort plays a larger role in the issue than race.

"People group themselves with people they feel comfortable around," said LaChone Pitchford, BSU secretary. "Another group might be all the same major. People just need a basis of grouping together; something they have in common."

"They just want to be with people who make them feel at ease."

Steve Cunningham, a junior

English major who is white, said sitting with people of your own race is not segregation.

"You sit with your friends," Cunningham said. "If your friends are all black, you sit with black people. It's too bad it's got to be that way, but I can't go sit with someone I don't know."

Purham said labels such as segregation are too quickly applied to innocent acts.

"I think it's human nature for you to sit with your friends and who you get along with," she said. "When you say it's segregation and separatism, that's when color becomes an issue."

"For years, you'd see a bunch of white people sitting together and think nothing of it," she said. "But as soon as a group of black people are sitting together, people start saying they are separating themselves and they are causing trouble when they are actually just sitting with their friends."

Lisa Garrison, president of the Multicultural Student Union, who is white, said during her time as a resident assistant in Ford Hall she has noticed "people stick to who

they know and sit by who they know rather than choosing by color."

Familiarity is no excuse

Johnetta Jones, Eastern's director of minority affairs, said although she understands wanting to "hold on to what is familiar," race cannot be denied as a factor in the divisions that exist on campus.

"Someone once said the dividing line in this country is race, and I think they were right," she said. "We don't seem to be able to solve it, and we keep coming back to it."

"In this country, race is one of those questions we've simply not been able to outrun, solve or really deal with," she added.

One of five black students in her senior class, Jones said, she "came home from school the first day and hugged everybody I saw that I knew."

"Sometimes it's a question of being scared," she said. "Part of it is 'If I make an attempt, am I going to be welcomed?' Sometimes it's so strange out there."



This is the campus. It's a place of separation and damage.

But what about racial divisions? "It affects friendships, a student's business, and if you don't know how to deal with it, it's difficult to go to school. There will be a place," Mc

Students on a harrowing ride

ed to historical prejudices.

"Times were very tense, it was an unfortunate ugly rumor that had the potential to get uglier," said Deb Smitley, spokeswoman for the Illinois Board of Higher Education who was, at the time of the apology, speaker of the Student Senate. "I was there from '75 to '78, and I think (it was an active time). Probably students were not as sensitized to some of the issues that I certainly hope some of the students are today and I myself hope I am today."

Homecoming controversy

University President Gilbert Fite declared there would be no Homecoming queen in 1973 after the removal of Eastern's first black winner and charges of discrimination marred the selection.

Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity candidate Diane Williams had her crown taken away after the candidate from Sigma Kappa sorority charged her and black freshmen attendant winner Charma Thomas with campaign violations.

The controversy was exacerbated by the Homecoming Election and Rules Committee, which refused to release the vote totals. Student representatives from the Black Student Union and Kappa Alpha Psi said there was an "indication of racial prejudice."

Black students charged racism and several hundred staged a large-scale protest at the Homecoming pep rally, forcing the event to be canceled. Black football players and members of the Pink Panther squad refused to join their respective groups, and students didn't stand for the national anthem or school song.

It was the only time an African American was elected queen.

"At the time I was selected to be the Kappa Alpha Psi candidate I really didn't think I wanted to go through all of the trouble that would be involved," Williams said in a 1973 article after the controversy. "I just didn't think it would be worth it."

But the effort proved to be worth it. The problems with the homecoming pageant helped start the Miss Black EIU pageant, which will be held for the 19th time on Feb. 25.

Stereotypes destroyed

Paintings in a local bar that featured old black stereotypes spurred a student protest in 1992.

Panther's Lounge had a painting of a black man carrying a water jug and a bottle of liquor wearing bib overalls. Another picture showed "Sambo" in a bell boy outfit serving chocolate milk.

"Ever since I was young, the symbol of Sambo to me was derogatory," said student Tonya Thomas. "Sambo represents a stereotypical black person, someone who's goofy and stupid."

The owner of the establishment said the pictures were for sale and were collectibles.

The university administration complained about the pictures, and an on-site protest of about 20 students was led by Omega Psi Phi fraternity. The BSU also pushed for a boycott of the bar.

The pictures were then taken down.

Dedication to diversity?

The 1969 fall semester began with the controversial question of whether to raise students fees to create a minority scholarship fund to attract black students.

The Student Senate voted 21-0 in September 1969 to increase fees \$6 a year — \$2 a quarter — for five years to create a minority scholarship. The initiative was in response to a report that Eastern's African-American enrollment was much less than the state's average.

At the time, Eastern had a 2 percent black student population and the state's average was 10 percent.

However, a fierce debate took place over a span of two months about whether to increase the money.

The student body came out heavily



against the plan. Students actually voted down the fee hike — 1,148 to 932 — and the student body president resigned in the wake of the senate's decision.

"I submit that you blacks have got it hard, but we whites have got it even harder," said one letter-writer who was against the plan. "For we are faced with the responsibility of weighing your requests."

Student Senate members actually changed the wording of the scholarship program to include all minority students, and the proposal finally passed the Board of Governors on Dec. 9 of that year.

"I think it's immoral to say you have your civil rights and everything is equal," said Franklin, who is now a professor of history and assistant to the provost at Vanderbilt University and was a central figure in Eastern's race relations during the '70s. "The fact is everyone is not equal, and a university such as Eastern must have the desire to recruit students and must recruit black faculty."

"A problem arises because white Americans do not realize that (Brown v. Board of Education) decision came only 45 years ago," Franklin said. "Ameri-

Black Scholarship Controversy Divided Into Two Proposals

The controversy over the "minority student" clause in the proposal to fund scholarships for underprivileged students was resolved by the Student Senate Thursday night with the division of the motion into two separate proposals.

Student Rights chairman Bob Sampson made the separate proposals after the senate voted down Bill Wurmuth's motion to reconsider action taken previously to put more stress on recruitment from the inner city area of Chicago and East St. Louis, and if necessary, less recruitment on the schools within a 50-mile radius of Eastern.

IN ASKING for reconsideration of the motion, Wurmuth claimed that the move "takes a stand against the people of East Central Illinois" by putting less emphasis on near-by schools.

Sampson claimed that the purpose of the Student Rights report was to "primarily deal with black students' problems" and felt the motion should stand.

George Wilson defended the motion by pointing out that progress in the area of black recruitment at the present speed would keep the country "in the same place it has been for the last 100 years."

THE TWO motions dealing with scholarship information initiate immediate efforts to make national and state scholarships that are available to black students (in the second motion, needy students) known to them through the admissions office through its recruitment policy.

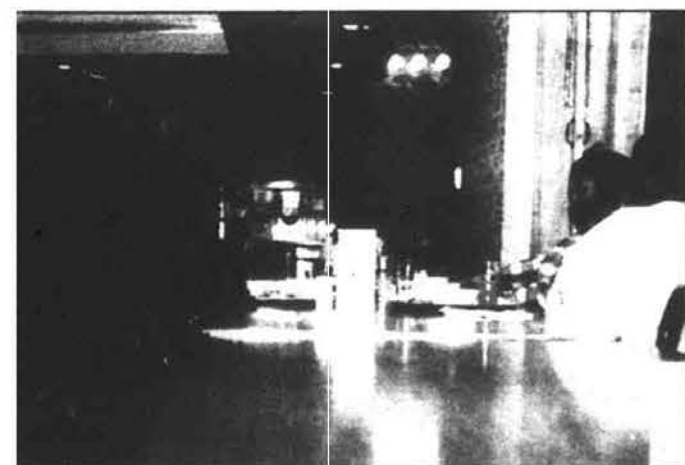
Student Body President Ken Miller had vetoed a motion that included both black students and needy students.

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cans should realize it took 200-plus years to get us in this fix — the fix being degradation and discrimination. A mere 45 years is not going to get us out of this fix."

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Black history defeated



SHERYL SUE SIDWELL/Staff photographer too-common picture of black and white students on any instances, the two races rarely come together.

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from everyone," she said. "But if we're just in a lunchroom or a place that's casual, I can't see anything wrong with sitting with people of your same race."

But Jones said that may be a step in the wrong direction.

"When you look at it in terms of what Martin Luther King set out to do, self-segregation maybe isn't going to accomplish the goal he wanted to achieve," she said. "But getting people out of their individual groups is one of the most difficult things you can do. I don't know the right answer."

Refusing to be separate

Some students believe the right answer is refusing to separate themselves based on their color.

"If I walk into food service, and I don't see any blacks, I'm not going to sit by myself," said sophomore accounting major Demetrius Williams. "I'll go sit with white people because I have to live with them. They have to learn to live with me."

"If I see a good conversation, I'll sit and listen," Williams said.

"You'd be surprised how many people are nice and how many people you have things in common with."

Alice Harper, a senior marketing major who is black, said she sits with her friends "no matter what color or creed they are."

And Sourou Jones, a junior elementary education major who is black, said he sits "with pretty much anybody."

"When you close your ears or your eyes, you close your mind," Sourou Jones said. "When you close your mind, you stop growing. And when you stop growing, you stop living."

"I don't get into race or color," he said. "I know it's a reality, but it's not a part of my life so it's not important to me."

Is separation unstoppable?

But racial divisions remain painfully visible, and some think they're here to stay.

"I don't think it will change anytime soon," Johnetta Jones said. "I can understand how and why it is and progressively we need to break

it up, but the way human nature is, I don't see it breaking up anytime soon.

"I don't blame white kids, I don't blame black kids. But at the same time, I blame them both," she added. "I can't say if it's right or wrong, that's just how it is."

Jennifer Merkel, a junior math and environmental biology major who is white, agrees.

"I don't think there's anything we can do about it," she said. "You just sit with who you know."

McEwen disagrees, saying the divisions will disappear "with time and some effort." She said faculty members should play a role in integrating their students by encouraging different races to work together.

"If we can insist that students turn an assignment in on time, we can insist that they work together in multicultural groups," McEwen said. "If conflicts arise, we'll help. We can help, and we should help."

"Once we're aware of the importance of getting to know each other, we can realize that we'll all benefit from each other. I like to think it has been worse."

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NBA selects All-Star reserves

NEW YORK (AP) – Although their names did not appear of the ballot, Dana Barros of the Philadelphia 76ers and Tyrone Hill of the Cleveland Cavaliers will appear in the NBA All-Star game.

They were among 14 reserves added Tuesday to the teams. The game is to be played Feb. 12 at Phoenix.

Also added by the coaches from the Eastern Conference were Patrick Ewing of New York and Alonzo Mourning and Larry Johnson of Char-

lotte, Vin Baker of Milwaukee and Joe Dumars of Detroit.

Karl Malone and John Stockton of Utah were picked for the Western Conference team along with Seattle's Gary Payton and Detlef Schrempf, San Antonio's David Robinson, Cedric Ceballos of the Los Angeles Lakers and Mitch Richmond of Sacramento.

The reserves were selected by the 27 NBA head coaches, each of whom voted for seven players from his conference.

The starters were selected in fan balloting, and were announced last week.

Picked as West starters were Charles Barkley of Phoenix and Shawn Kemp of Seattle, Hakeem Olajuwon of Houston, Latrell Sprewell of Golden State, and Dan Majerle of Phoenix.

Voted to the East starting team were rookie Grant Hill of Detroit, Scottie Pippen of Chicago, Shaquille O'Neal and Anfernee Hardaway of Orlando, and Reggie Miller of Indiana.

Red-hot Hornets win third straight

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) – The Charlotte Hornets closed out the most successful month in franchise history Tuesday night, building an 18-point lead and then holding on to beat the Washington Bullets 97-88.

Tyrone Bogues scored 20 points, four short of his career high, and Hersey Hawkins had 17 points and 11 rebounds for Charlotte.

Larry Johnson contributed 15 points, nine rebounds and eight assists.

The Hornets' third straight victory gave them an 11-4

record in January, the winningest month since the franchise began play in 1988. The previous best was 10-4 last April.

Charlotte took a 79-65 lead into the fourth quarter, but Juwan Howard and reserve guard Doug Overton each scored five points in a 12-2 run that got the Bullets within 81-77.

Bogues then hit a 20-foot jumper, Hawkins scored from 19 feet out and Bogues sank a shot from the corner to put Charlotte up by 10 with five minutes left.

Ex-Panther coach going to Denver?

DENVER (AP) – Former Eastern Illinois offensive coordinator Mike Shanahan, arriving by private jet and carrying credentials as the league's hottest coaching prospect, met Tuesday with Denver Broncos owner Pat Bowlen in hopes of settling a contract.

Shanahan, the offensive coordinator of the San Francisco 49ers and an assistant coach for Eastern's lone Division II championship in 1978, was offered the Broncos' coaching job six hours after the 49ers won their record fifth

Super Bowl on Sunday.

Neither Bowlen nor Shanahan would comment Tuesday on their talks. But Monday, Bowlen said his two-hour discussion with Shanahan after the Super Bowl convinced him.

Shanahan acknowledged Denver was his top choice.

"I think the world of Denver," he said. "It's a great opportunity. But at the same time, is it done? No, it is not." Bowlen reportedly has offered Shanahan a five-year, \$6 million contract.

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EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA Business meeting at 5:30pm in the Charleston/Mattoon Room, MLK Union. Candy money and dues are Due!

DELTA SIGMA PI Community service project on Sunday, Feb 5th from 3-6pm at the Worthington Inn, first floor. If you need a ride call John.

MODEL ILLINOIS GOVERNMENT meeting at 4pm in 203 Coleman.

DATA PROCESSING MANAGEMENT Association meeting on Feb 2nd in 029 Lumpkin.

BLACK STUDENT UNION Miss Black EIU Talent Auditions are from 5:30pm-6:30pm in the Gallery. Routines do not have to be perfected yet. Any questions, contact Ebony at 345-2299 or Jeannine at 2290.

PHI BETA SIGMA Taboo, Dirty Mind Social at 8pm on Friday, Feb 3rd in the Afro-American Cultural Center. Co-sponsored by Zeta Phi Beta Sorority.

PSI CHI MEETING at 6pm in the Psychology lounge, Phys Sci Bldg, first floor.

NEWMAN CATHOLIC CENTER Mass fellowship at 9pm at the Newman Center.

NEWMAN CATHOLIC CENTER Bible Study at 6pm in 109A Coleman.

CAREER PLANNING AND Placement Center is hosting the "Spring Career Day/Job Fair" from 9:30am-2:30pm in the MLK Union Ballrooms. This event is free-of-charge to all students and alumni.

PHI GAMMA NU Executive meeting at 6pm in 027 Lumpkin.

BSU- PARENT APPRECIATION Luncheon on Feb 25 at 1pm in the University Ballroom. The theme is "A Parent's love is Pure and Everlasting."

CHRISTIAN CAMPUS FELLOWSHIP Bible study is 7pm at the Christian Campus House, 2231 S. 4th St. Call 345-6990 for rides or info.

PHI SIGMA SIGMA Parents Committee meeting is 8:30pm, after G.S. in the Chapter Room. Please be on time!

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Women



KARI SWIFT/Photo editor
Junior forward Kenya Green tries to maintain possession of the ball during the Lady Panthers' 57-53 loss to Buffalo Monday night. Eastern has posted a surprising 10-7 overall record a little more than halfway through their season.

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were not real happy with the way we played."

Their weaknesses caught up to them with back-to-back losses to Central Connecticut and Troy State, bringing them back down to .500 in the conference at 3-3.

But their offense came out of nowhere against Valparaiso on Jan. 21 and Youngstown State on Jan. 28, winning both games 80-72 and 82-53 respectively; both opponents were tied for first in the Mid-Con at the time.

But just as quickly as the offense clicked, it fell out of gear again on Monday, scoring only 18 points on 21 percent shooting in the first half against Buffalo, the only Mid-Con team that Eastern hadn't seen at that point. Although the Lady Panthers came on strong midway through the second half, they came up short, losing 57-53, their only conference loss at home this season.

Freshman Barbora Garbova has led the team in scoring, averaging 13.4 points per game, followed by sophomore Sarah Probst with 10.7 points per game.

Women's standings		
	Conf	All
Western Illinois	8-1	9-8
Buffalo	7-2	8-8
Youngstown State	6-2	8-8
Valparaiso	6-2	9-6
Eastern	5-4	10-7
Troy State	4-3	9-6
Missouri-KC	2-4	2-11
C.Connecticut St.	2-4	4-9
Northeastern Ill.	1-6	4-11
Chicago State	0-8	0-15

Freshman Allison Lee is third on the team in that category with 9.5 points per game and leads the team with eight rebounds per game. Senior Nicky Polka leads the team and the conference with 94 assists. Polka also leads the team with 44 steals.

Lady Panther basketball statistics (10-7, 5-4)											
Player	G	Min	FG	Att	Pct	3pt	Att	FT%	Reb	Ast	Pts
Beck	10	85	12	23	.522	0	0	1.000	20	3	2.8
Eades	17	249	31	52	.596	0	0	.500	35	4	4.9
Frazier	17	277	38	99	.384	0	4	.389	54	25	4.9
Garbova	17	515	85	217	.392	21	55	.674	98	24	12.9
Green	17	487	43	105	.410	9	34	.763	80	18	7.3
Habat	2	22	0	1	.000	0	0	.000	1	3	0.0
Laska	17	315	10	30	.333	3	13	.704	31	36	2.5
Lee	17	517	51	113	.451	0	0	.753	134	12	9.4
McCarty	6	15	1	3	.333	0	0	.667	5	0	0.7
Polka	17	541	56	157	.357	18	54	.758	51	94	9.1
Probst	17	402	71	145	.490	0	0	.580	57	7	10.1
Eastern	17	-----	398	945	.421	51	160	.319	665	226	63.0
Opponents	17	-----	387	1,032	.375	61	208	.293	657	224	59.9

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February 16, Time: 7pm
Place: Tarble Arts Center
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Ferak

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could probably be the season."

And another losing season could cost Samuels his job. Last year's team went a dismal 12-15 despite returning all its players from the 1992-93 squad that went 10-17. Some insiders have mentioned Samuels must pull off 15 wins, or go 6-4 from here on out to ensure his sacred front-row seat on the Lantz Gym pine.

So far, Athletic Director Bob McBee is keeping his lips sealed on Samuels' status for next season. McBee pointed out that all Eastern coaches are on one-year contracts and that he won't discuss personnel matters mid-season, nor would he say if Samuels needs to break .500 to remain as coach for a 16th season next fall.

But in previous articles, McBee has said more times than a broken record that he wants to see Eastern sports represented by winning teams, not mediocre ones. Eastern's lackluster 9-9 mark barely qualifies for a Bozo button, or even a handful of McDonald's gift certificates.

Maybe, just maybe, Monday night's cardiac

comeback win over Buffalo will help turn things around for Jordan, Landrus & Co. Maybe Eastern will walk all over Tennessee-Martin Thursday night and crush rival Western Illinois at home Saturday night.

But Eastern's season has been about as predictable as playing spin the bottle with a bunch of liquored-up college students. You never really know what to expect.

Even former Eastern athletic director Mike Ryan said he's been surprised by Eastern's roller coaster out-of-sync play this year.

"Going into a new conference expected to be very inferior, probably the expectations then become greater," Ryan said of Eastern. "This is probably a very definite evaluation year for this staff."

"We all know we can be better than we are," said point guard Johnny Hernandez.

Now more than ever, Hernandez and his teammates must take steer of their misguided ship and get it back on course. Otherwise, Samuels and his staff may be left to walk the plank at the season's end.

Panthers

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point deficit to hand Eastern its first home loss. But last night's come-from-behind victory may have re-ignited the spark.

Eastern has had its share of injuries this season which has forced Samuels to go to a smaller lineup.

Forward Andre Rodriguez was lost for the year after the first game of the season and forward Michael Slaughter is just now getting over a stress fracture in his foot.

Samuels said he may go back to a bigger lineup when Slaughter returns to full health. That rotation would include forwards Slaughter, Frankford and Jordan, and would include two of Eastern's guards (Derrick Landrus, Johnny Moore and Johnny Her-

nandez).

As for the rest of the conference, Samuels said that Valparaiso, which is in first place in the Mid-Con with a 7-2 record (10-6 overall), appears to have jumped ahead of everybody and is definitely the "team to catch."

After Thursday's non-conference game at Tennessee-Martin, the Panthers return home for a contest against Western Illinois.

Johnny Hernandez said after Monday's win that if the crowd was not as loud and supportive as it was, that Eastern probably would not have won the game.

Right now the Panthers have to take care of business in Lantz Gym.

"We can help ourselves by winning the rest of our

MID-CONTINENT CONFERENCE		
Men's standings		
	Conf.	All
Valparaiso	7-2	11-6
Buffalo	6-4	11-7
Troy State	6-4	7-11
Youngstown St.	5-4	12-5
Central Conn.	5-4	7-9
Western Illinois	5-4	11-6
Eastern	4-5	9-9
Missouri-K.C.	4-6	3-14
Chicago State	3-7	3-15
Northeastern Ill.	2-6	4-13

games at home," Samuels said.

"It's definitely going to be an uphill battle the rest of the way."

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Samuels could be on the hot seat

Rick Samuels took over Eastern's basketball program the same year Ronald Reagan unseated the hapless Jimmy Carter as president.

Yes, 1980 certainly seems like a long time ago, especially since this columnist remembers being a diminutive four-foot munchkin who was just learning the ropes of writing in cursive in Sister Paul Marie's second grade class.

Since that time, Samuels has withstood a 15-year career at Eastern with a career mark of 214-209, leaving no one in Coles County to dare argue that Samuels is the undisputed "Dean of .500 basketball coaches."

And, you guessed it, Samuels has his Panthers right where they usually are at the conference season's mid-mark: a .500 record at 9-9. Not so hot for an Eastern team picked for second in a revamped Mid-Continent Conference that resembles those atrocious teams and scrawny little runts from my years in the junior high basketball Catholic Youth Organization.

After being completely butt-whipped and humiliated by a Buffalo team that ran up the score to a 23-6 lead in the first half, Eastern's miracle comeback 72-71 win Monday night indicates Samuels' team isn't ready to throw in the towel on a season of unfulfilled promise.

At least not yet. "It has to be a morale booster. Losing close ones really wears on you," said Samuels after Monday's win. "I'm anticipating this win will inspire us."

Despite Monday night's victory over a feisty 11-7 Buffalo club, Eastern shouldn't be thinking about busting open a champagne bottle. Before Monday's win, Eastern had a losing skid of four in a row to conference opponents - pretty pathetic considering the team's preseason hype.

With the season more than half over, the sand in Eastern's hourglass is slowly seeping away, especially for the careers of seniors Louis Jordan and Derrick Landrus.

"We're sick of losing," said Landrus, who swished in two free throws to put Eastern ahead at 72-71 with eight seconds remaining. "If we lose (Monday's) game, it

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Are they happy at the half?

Panthers still looking for winning formula

By PAUL DEMPSEY
Associate sports editor

Eastern's men's basketball team is now halfway through its Mid-Continent Conference schedule after a thrilling 72-71 come from behind victory over Buffalo on Monday night in Lantz Gym.

The Panthers currently stand at 9-9 overall but have struggled to a 4-5 Mid-Con record.

When evaluating the team's performance to this point, Samuels commented on the number of close games in which his squad has been involved.

"A lot of the time, a team's success hinges on whether or not you can win the close games," Samuels said. "And we haven't been able to win a lot of the close ones."

"Our Achilles' heel was that we got close but couldn't come out ahead on the road."

While the Panthers are 3-1 in Mid-Con games at home (6-1 at home overall), they have struggled to a 1-4 conference mark on the road (2-6 on the road overall).

But Eastern has been close in almost all of those contests, losing three of the four Mid-Con road games by a combined 12 points. Overall in nine Mid-Con contests, the Panthers have played opposing teams almost even, outscoring the competition by a combined 673-672.

The season started with Eastern dropping its first two on the road to non-conference foes DePaul and Western Michigan.

But the Panthers snapped back to win four of

MEN'S BASKETBALL MIDTERM GRADES				
Compiled by DEN basketball beat writers Paul Dempsey and Dan Fields				
Player, stats	Grade			
Kurt Comer So. F. 4.4 ppg, 1.8 rpg Comments: Good three-point shooter at 38 percent but only 37 percent from field overall.	C			
Eric Frankford Fr. F/C. 7.4 ppg, 5.2 rpg Comments: Leads team in FG % (58.4) and blocks (39). Great contributor in first year.	A-			
Walter Graham Jr. C. 0.8 ppg, 0.8 rpg Comments: Needs more playing time to improve.	C-			
Johnny Hernandez Jr. G. 7.1 ppg, 3.2 rpg Comments: Leads team in assists (82) and steals (35), but also in turnovers (52). 40% shooter from 3.	B			
Louis Jordan Sr. F. 13.6 ppg, 4.4 rpg Comments: Inconsistent early. Second on team in turnovers but has 3 20 pt. games in a row.	C+			
Rick Kaye Fr. F. 1.8 ppg, 0.9 rpg Comments: Not much playing time but is 50% shooter from field and 38% from 3-point land.	B-			
Derrick Landrus Sr. G. 15.1 ppg, 3.8 rpg Comments: Leads team in scoring. Second in assists and steals. Great 3-point shooter (39%)	A-			
Johnny Moore So. G. 11.1 ppg, 3.0 rpg Comments: Blistering 45% from 3-point range. Only 22 turnovers. Third leading scorer.	B+			
Michael Odumuyiwa Jr. F. 4.6 ppg, 2.6 rpg Comments: Inspired efforts off the bench. 48% FG shooter but only 58% from free throw line.	B-			
Andre Rodriguez Sr. F. 8.0 ppg, 5.0 rpg Comments: Incomplete. Redshirted this season after injury in first game.	Inc			
Jason Rossi So. F. 1.1 ppg, 1.2 rpg Comments: Walk-on who hasn't seen much playing time. 13 fouls in just 67 minutes.	C-			
Michael Slaughter So. F. 6.9 ppg, 7.1 rpg Comments: Leading rebounder. Career best 20 pts./20 rebs. on Jan. 14 vs. Cent. Conn.	B			
Coaching - Rick Samuels and staff Comments: Team picked to finish 2nd in Mid-Con is currently 7th. But injuries have hurt.	C+			

their next six non-conference games to even their mark right before the opening of the Mid-Con schedule.

Eastern won three of its first four conference games and things looked good as the Panthers embarked on a long East coast road trip. But they dropped the first game at Central Connecticut by one point in over-

time, and that seemed to set the tone for the rest of the trip.

The Panthers were literally run to death two days later at Troy State in a 19-point loss and five days later, they came back from a large deficit against Valparaiso only to fall short in the end.

Last Saturday, Youngstown State erased a 17-
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Women's hoop team defying odds

By JOHN BATES
Staff writer

For a team that was expected to finish eighth in the conference, the Lady Panthers don't seem to be playing too badly.

Backed by the best defense in the Mid-Continent Conference, the Lady Panthers have established a 10-7 overall record and a 5-4 conference record, which places them fifth in the conference a little past the midway point in their season, and puts them in the hunt for a postseason bid and a possible Mid-Con title.

"I'm confident that we can get in the tournament; I'm confident that we can still finish first in the league," head coach John Klein said. "We're going to have to win all of our games to finish first. I think four losses will be good enough."

"We knew when we were picked to finish eighth that we were much better than that," said freshman Allison Lee. "At the beginning of the season, we just wanted to prove to everybody that we were a good team and that we were much better than eighth in the conference."

The first glimpse of success came on the Lady Panthers' second game of the season: a 59-52 road victory over Western, which ranked first in the coaches' preseason poll. Following the upset with two more victories, the Lady Panthers were hovering at the top of the conference, but they showed signs of weakness - their offense.

Although they only gave up 46 points per game in their three-game winning streak, they scored only 62 per game and committed a total of 65 turnovers.

"You would not have thought we won a game by looking at our locker room tonight," Klein said after the Lady Panthers defeated Chicago State 60-46 on Jan. 7. "We
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Men's tennis team ready for the spring

By DONNA RUF
Staff writer

The men's tennis team opens its spring season this weekend against Bradley University and the University of Northern Iowa in Peoria, and according to head coach Rosie Kramarski, the team is excited to be competing again, especially against Bradley, a team Eastern had beaten in the fall season for the first time in three years.

The Panther roster includes Brad Rozboril, George Macey, Brandon Kuhl, Dennis Alexander, Ryan Ivers, and Jeff Lindstrom as the top six seeds, and Pat Mellin and freshmen Joe Kantor and



Rosie Kramarski

Chris Anderson completing the lineup.

According to Kramarski, the freshmen have not seen much playing time yet, but will gain experience in the upcoming season. She also stated that each player will have to "earn his spot," and that the lineup will experience changes as the season progresses.

In order to prepare for the season's first match, both the men and women have been practicing since the beginning of the semester. Kramarski has

been challenging the players by integrating a new off-season training regimen into their program.

"I have changed their off-season training by including weight-training and conditioning, which is something new for them," Kramarski said. "And I feel they are in much better shape."

Although the men had a difficult fall season due to poor scheduling, the workouts and conditioning they've been experiencing has Kramarski hopeful for the upcoming matches.

"They've done everything from the fall on to prepare mentally and physically by training very hard, so they are excited and ready to go," Kramarski said.